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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION LEADER RECEIVES "BLACK
SEPTEMBER" THREAT.

REF: MELBOURNE 1230

1. ROBERT HAWKE, PRESIDENT, AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE
UNIONS (ACTU) RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL IN MORNING NOV. 30
FROM UNKNOWN PERSON CLAIMING TO REPRESENT "BLACK
SEPTEMBER" MOVEMENT. MEMBERS OF ACTU EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, WHO WERE MEETING WITH HAWKE AT TIME, TOLD
LABATT, CALLER MADE THREATS AGAINST LIVES OF HAWKE'S
THREE CHILDREN. HAWKE, ALREADY EXHAUSTED BY RECENT
TRAVELS AND WEEK LONG EXECUTIVE MEETINGS, APPARENTLY
HAD ALMOST COMPLETE COLLAPSE AND WAS TAKEN HOME UNDER
SEDATION.

2. HAWKE AND FAMILY ARE UNDER CLOSE POLICE PROTECTION,
EVIDENTLY BEING SHUTTLED BETWEEN VARIOUS SAFE PLACES.
PRESS AND TELEVISION, REPORTED HEAVILY ON INCIDENT OVER
WEEK, SURMISING THREAT RESULTED FROM PUBLICITY FOLLOWING
HAWKE VISITS TO TEL AVIV AND MOSCOW.

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3. ACTU OFFICIALS TOLD LABATT DEC. 3 THAT CALL REACHED HAWKE OVER PRIVATE UNLISTED TELEPHONE. ALTHOUGH PRESS CLAIMS HAWKE WILL BE IN SECLUSION FOR FORTNIGHT, STAFF EXPECT HE "WILL BE IN AND OUT" OF OFFICE, STARTING SHORTLY.

4. IN NATIONAL TELEVISION INTERVIEW DEC. 3 PRIME MINISTER DID NOT COMMENT ON THREAT TO HAWKE, BUT WENT OUT OF WAY TO LOWER TEMPERATURE OF RECENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM; NOTING HIS EFFORTS TO GET HAWKE INTO PARLIAMENT "EVER SINCE 1963", AND STATING HE EXPECTED HIM TO BE IN PARLIAMENT SOON AND IN CABINET ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.
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